Air Quality Data and Mapping Session

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Welcome to the Real World

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  ## $PM_{2.5}$ Mapping Session

- ♦ **Some good news….**

- ♦ **Some more good news….**

PM$_{2.5}$ Mapping Workgroup

♦ **Formed Informal Group this past fall**

  – (EPA-RTP, EPA Region (1, 5, 9), Iowa, Texas, Forsyth County-NC, Puget Sound, NESCAUM, LADCO, STI)

♦ **Discussed PM$_{2.5}$ Issues**

  – How to map 1 hour data with 24 hour average

  – QA/QC criteria

  – Correction Factors
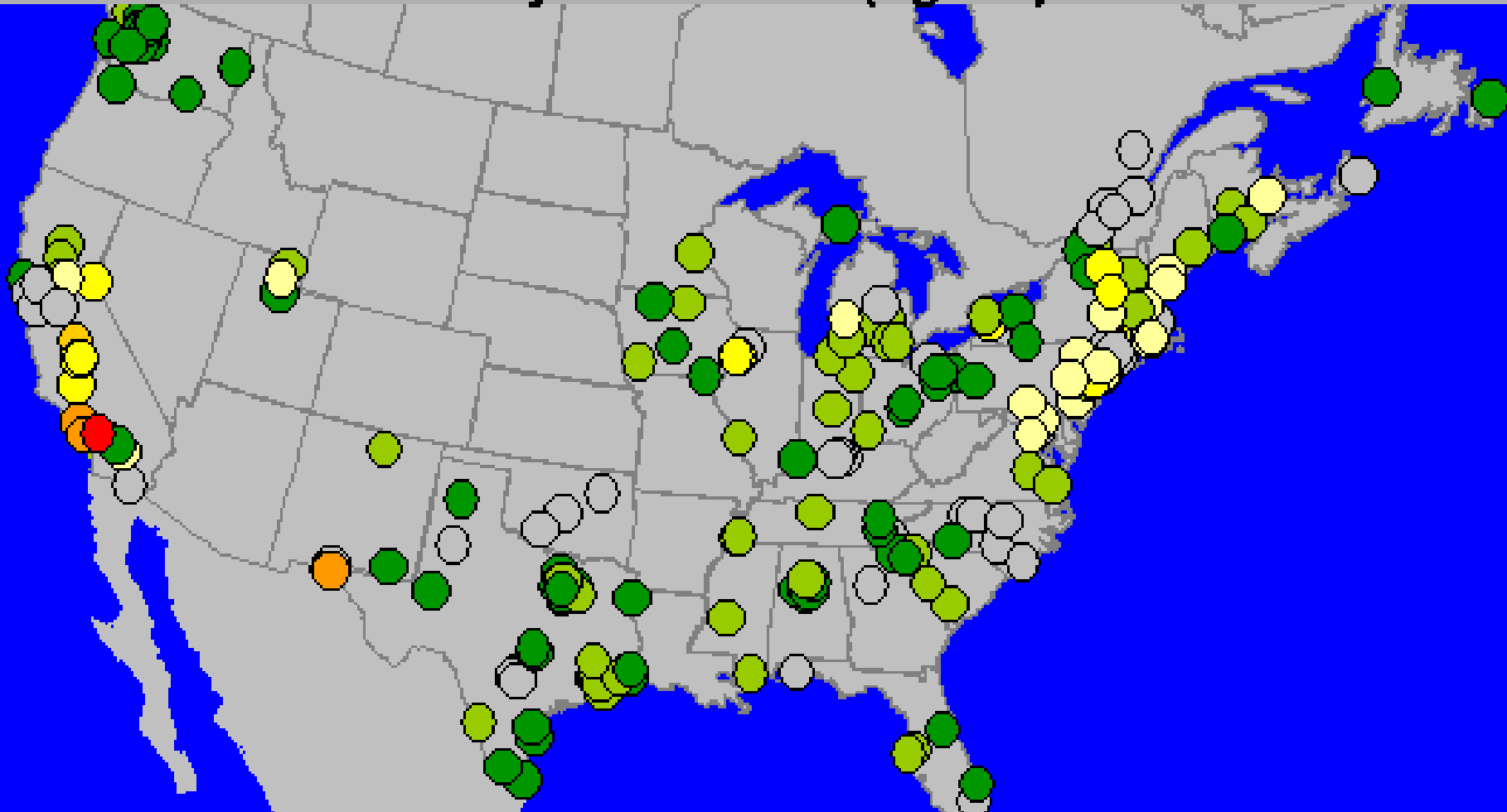
  – What products to show (private vs. public)

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♦ **Current Real-Time PM$_{2.5}$ Products**

  – Current hourly maps

  – Current running 24-hr average maps

  – Yesterday's 24-hr AQI map

  – Yesterday's running 24-hr average map

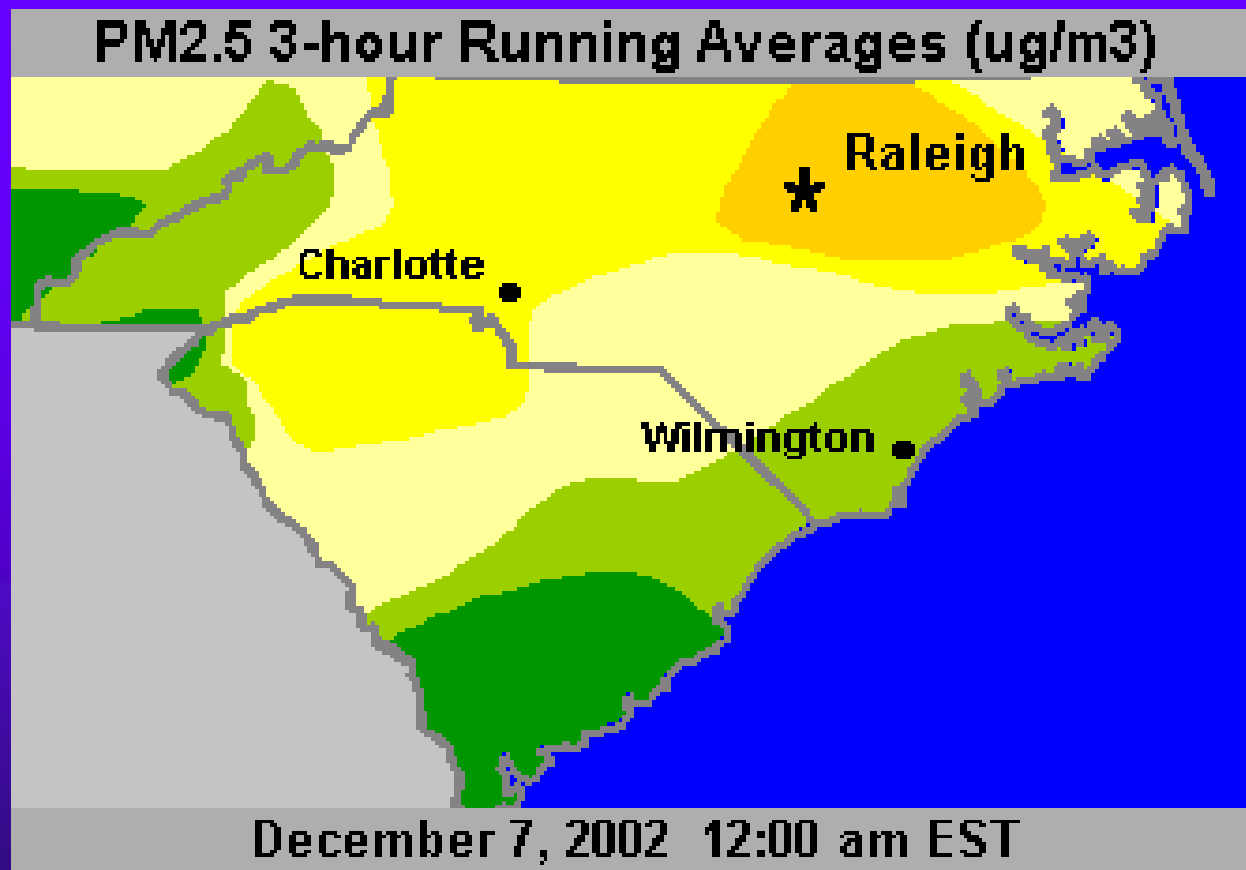 – 3 episodic contoured maps (NC, TX, WA) with 3hr, 6hr, and 24-hr rolling averages

Current Hourly National PM$_{2.5}$ map

Hourly PM2.5 Data (ug/m3)

January 30, 2003 12:00 am EST

Example Contour PM$_{2.5}$ map

PM2.5 3-hour Running Averages (ug/m3)

Raleigh

Charlotte

Wilmington

December 7, 2002   12:00 am EST

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♦ **Now some bad news….**

2 Main Problems in Real-Time AQI Mapping of $PM_{2.5}$

♦ **Spatial Coverage**

– **250+** continuous $PM_{2.5}$ monitors versus **1200+** continuous ozone monitors

♦ **24-Hour Averaging Period for the AQI**

– 1 hour data to 24 hour AQI

– Communicating 24-hr averaging period to public

PLANNING

MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE WE CAN ANNOUNCE
OUR TOTAL FAILURE TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS.

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